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CHAPTER VI.—THE SADDEST OF ALL WORDS.

On the tenth morning, dating from the dispatch of Father Benwell's last letter to Rome, Penrose was writing in the study at Ten Acres Lodge—while Romayne sat at the other end of the room looking listlessly at a blank sheet of paper, with the pen lying idle beside it. On a sudden he rose, and snatching up paper and pen threw them irritably into the fire.

"Don't trouble yourself to write any longer," he said to Penrose. "My dream is over. Throw my manuscripts into the waste-paper basket, and never speak to me of literary work again."

"Every man devoted to literature has these fits of despondency," Penrose added. "Don't think of your work. Send for your horse, and trust to fresh air and exercise to relieve your mind."

Romayne barely listened. He turned round at the fireplace and studied the reflection of his face in the glass.

"I look worse and worse," he said, thoughtfully, to himself.

It was true. His flesh had fallen away; his face had withered and whitened; he stooped like an old man. The change for the worse had been steadily proceeding from the time when he left Vange Abbey.

"It's useless to conceal it from me!" he burst out, turning toward Penrose. "I am in some way answerable—though you all deny it—for the French boy's death. Why not? His voice is still in my ears—and the stain of his brother's blood is on me. I am under a spell! Do you believe in the witches—the merciless old women who made wax images and stuck pins in their mock likenesses, to register the slow wasting away of their victims day after day? People disbelieve it in these times; but it has never been disproved." He stopped, looked at Penrose, and suddenly changed his tone. "Arthur! what is the matter with you? Have you had a bad night? Has anything happened?"

For the first time in Romayne's experience of him Penrose answered evasively.

"Is there nothing to make me anxious," he said, "when I hear you talk as you are talking now? The poor French boy died of a fever. Must I remind you again that he owed the happiest days of his life to you and your good wife?"

Romayne still looked at him without attending to what he said.

"Surely you don't think I am deceiving you?" Penrose remonstrated.

"No; I was thinking of something else. I was wondering whether I really know you as well as I thought I did. Am I mistaken in supposing you are not an ambitious man?"

"My only ambition is to lead a worthy life, and to be useful to my fellow-creatures as I can. Does that satisfy you?"

Romayne hesitated.

"It seems strange—" he began.

"What seems strange?"

"I don't say it seems strange that you should be a priest," Romayne explained. "I am only surprised that a man of your simple way of thinking should have attached himself to the Order of the Jesuits."

"I can quite understand that," said Penrose. "But you should remember that circumstances often influence a man in his choice of a vocation. It has been so with me. I am a member of a liege was near our place of abode, and a near relative of mine since dead—was one of the resident priests." He paused, and added, in a lower tone: "When I was little more than a lad I suffered a disappointment which altered my character for life. I took refuge in the college, and I have found patience and peace of mind since that time. Oh, my friend, you might have been a more contented man—" He stopped again. His interest in the husband had all but deceived him into forgetting his promise to the wife.

Romayne held out his hand.

"I hope I have not thoughtlessly hurt you," he said.

Penrose took the offered hand, and pressed it fervently. He tried to speak, and suddenly shuddered, like a man in pain.

"I am not very well this morning," he stammered; "a turn in the garden will do me good."

Romayne's doubts were confirmed by the manner in which Penrose left him. Something had unquestionably happened, which his friend shrank from communicating to him. He sat down again to his desk and tried to read. The time passed, and he was still left alone. When the door at last opened, it was only Stella who entered the room.

"Have you seen Penrose?" he asked.

The estrangement between them had been steadily widening of late. Romayne had expressed his resentment at his wife's interference between Penrose and himself, by that air of contemptuous endurance which is the hardest penalty that a man can inflict on the woman who loves him. Stella had submitted with a proud and silent resignation—the most unfortunate form of protest that she could have adopted toward a man of Romayne's temper. When she now appeared, however, in her husband's study, there was a change in her expression which he instantly noticed. She looked at him with eyes softened by sorrow. Before she could answer his first question he hurriedly added another. "Is Penrose really ill?"

"No, Lewis. He is distressed."

"About what?"

"About you and about himself."

"Is he going to leave us?"

"Yes."

"But he will come back again?"

Stella took a chair by her husband's side. "I am truly sorry for you, Lewis," she said. "It is even a sad parting for me, If you will let me say it, I have a sincere regard for dear Mr. Penrose."

Under other circumstances this confession of feeling for a man who had sacrificed his dearest aspiration to the one consideration of her happiness might have provoked a sharp reply. But by this time Romayne had really become alarmed. "You speak as if Arthur was going to leave England," he said.

"He leaves England this afternoon," she answered, "for Rome."

"Why does he tell this to you and not to me?" Romayne asked.

"He cannot trust himself to speak of it to you. He begged me to prepare you—"

Her courage failed her. She paused. Romayne beat his hand impatiently on the desk before him. "Speak out!" he cried. "If Rome is not the end of his journey, what is?"

Stella hesitated no longer.

"He goes to Rome," she said, "to receive his instructions, and to become personally acquainted with the missionaries who are associated with him. They will leave Leghorn in the next vessel which sets sail for a port in Central America. And the dangerous duty intrusted to them is to re-establish one of the Jesuit missions destroyed by the savages years since. They will find their church a ruin and not a vestige left of the house once inhabited by the murdered priests. It is not concealed from them that they may be martyred too. They are soldiers of the cross; and they go—willingly go—to save the souls of the Indians at the peril of their lives."

Romayne rose and advanced to the door. There he turned and spoke to Stella.

"Where is Arthur?" he said.

Stella gently detained him.

"There was one word more he entreated me to say—pray wait and hear it," she pleaded. "His one grief is at leaving you. Apart from that he devotes himself gladly to the dreadful service which claims him. He has long looked forward to it, and has long prepared himself for it. Those, Lewis, are his own words."

There was a knock at the door. The servant appeared to announce that the carriage was waiting.

Penrose entered the room as the man left it.

"Have you spoken for me?" he said to Stella.

She could only answer him by a gesture. He turned to Romayne with a smile.

"The saddest of all words must be spoken," he said. "Farewell."

Pale and trembling, Romayne took his hand.

"Is this Father Benwell's doing?" he asked.

"No!" Penrose answered, firmly. "In Father Benwell's position it might have been his doing, but for his goodness to me. For the first time since I have known him, he has shrunk from a responsibility. For my sake he has left it to Rome. And Rome has spoken. "Oh, my more than friend, my brother in love—!"

His voice failed him. With a resolution that was nothing less than heroic in a man of his affectionate nature he recovered his composure.

"Let us make it as little miserable as it can be," he said. "At every opportunity we will write to each other. And, who knows?—I may yet come back to you. God has preserved his servants in dangers as great as any that I shall encounter. May that merciful God bless and protect you. Oh, Romayne, what happy days we have had together!" His last powers of resistance were worn out. Tears of noble sorrow dimmed the friendly eyes which had never looked unkindly on the brother of his love. He kissed Romayne. "Help me out!" he said, turning blindly toward the hall in which the servant was waiting. That last act of mercy was not left to a servant. With sisterly tenderness Stella took his hand and led him away. "I shall remember you gratefully as long as I live," she said to him when the carriage door was closed. He waved his hand at the window, and she saw him no more.

She returned to the study.

The relief of tears had come to Romayne. He had dropped into a chair when Penrose left him. In stony silence he sat there, his head down, his eyes dry and staring. The miserable days of their estrangement were forgotten by his wife in the moment when she looked at him. She knelt by his side, and lifted his head a little and laid it on her bosom. Her heart was full—she let the caress plead for her silently. He felt it; his cold fingers pressed her hand thankfully; but he said nothing. After a long interval the first outward expression of sorrow that fell from his lips showed that he was still thinking of Penrose.

"Every blessing falls away from me," he said. "I have lost my best friend."

Years afterward Stella remembered those words, and the tone in which he had spoken them.

CHAPTER VII.—THE IMPULSIVE SEX.

After a lapse of a few days Father Benwell was again a visitor at Ten Acres Lodge—by Romayne's invitation. The priest occupied the very chair by the study fireside in which Penrose had been accustomed to sit.

"It is really kind of you to come to me," said Romayne, "so soon after receiving my acknowledgment of your letter. I can't tell you how I was touched by the manner in which you wrote of Penrose. To my shame, I confess it, I had no idea that you were so warmly attached to him."

"I scarcely knew it myself, Mr. Romayne, until our dear Arthur was taken away from us."

"If you used your influence, Father Benwell, is their no hope that you might yet persuade him—"

"To withdraw from the mission? Oh, Mr. Romayne, don't you know Arthur's character better than that? Even his gentle temper has its resolute side. The zeal of the first martyrs to Christianity is the zeal that burns in that noble nature. The mission has been the dream of his life; it is endeared to him by the very dangers which we dread. Persuade Arthur to desert the dear and devoted colleagues who have opened their arms to him? I might as soon persuade that statue in the garden to desert its pedestal and join us in this room. Shall we change the sad subject? Have you received the book which I sent you with my letter?"

Romayne took up the book from his desk. Before he could speak of it some one called out briskly, on the other side of the door: "May I come in?" and came in without waiting to be asked. Mrs. Eyrecourt, painted and robed for the morning, wafting perfumes as she moved, appeared in the study. She looked at the priest, and lifted her many-ringed hands with a gesture of coquettish terror.

"Oh, dear me? I had no idea you were here, Father Benwell. I ask ten thousand pardons. Dear and admirable Romayne, you don't look as if you were pleased to see me. Good gracious! I am not interrupting a confession, am I?"

Father Benwell (with his paternal smile in perfect order) resigned his chair to Mrs. Eyrecourt. The traces of her illness still showed themselves in an intermittent trembling of her head and her hands. She had entered the room, strongly suspecting that the process of conversion might be proceeding in the absence of Penrose, and determined to interrupt it. Guided by his subtle intelligence, Father Benwell pedestrated her motive as soon as she opened the door. Mrs. Eyrecourt bowed graciously and took the offered chair. Father Benwell sweetened his paternal smile, and offered to get a footstool.

"How glad I am," he said, "to see you in your customary good spirits! But wasn't it just a little malicious to talk of interrupting a confession? As if Mr. Romayne was one of us! Queen Elizabeth herself could scarcely have said a sharper thing to a poor Catholic priest!"

"You clever creature!" said Mrs. Eyrecourt. "How easily you see through a simple woman like me! There—I give you my hand to kiss; we will make it up as the children say. Do you know, Father Benwell, a most extraordinary wish has suddenly come to me. Please don't be offended. I wish you were a Jew."

"May I ask why?" Father Benwell inquired.

Mrs. Eyrecourt explained herself with the modest self-distrust of a maiden of fifteen. "I am really so ignorant I scarcely know how to put it. But learned persons have told me that it is the peculiarity of the Jews—may I say the amiable peculiarity?—never to make converts. It would be so nice if you would take a leaf out of their book when we have the happiness of receiving you here. My lively imagination pictures you in a double character. Father Benwell everywhere else, and—say, the patriarch Abraham at Ten Acres Lodge."

Father Benwell lifted his persuasive hands in courteous protest. "My dear lady! pray make your mind easy. Not one word on the subject of religion has passed between Mr. Romayne and myself—"

"I beg your pardon," Mrs. Eyrecourt interrupted; "I am afraid I fail to follow you. My silent son-in-law looks as if he longed to smother me, and my attention is naturally distracted. You were about to say—"

"I was about to say, dear Mrs. Eyrecourt, that you are alarming yourself without any reason. Not one word on any controversial subject has passed—"

Mrs. Eyrecourt cocked her head with the artless vivacity of a bird. "Ah, but it might, though!" she suggested, slyly.

Father Benwell once more remonstrated in dumb show, and Romayne lost his temper.

"Mrs. Eyrecourt!" he cried, sternly.

Mrs. Eyrecourt screamed and lifted her hands to her ears.

"I am not deaf, dear Romayne—and I am not to be put down by any ill-timed exhibition of what I may call domestic ferocity. Father Benwell sets you an example of Christian moderation. Do, please, follow it."

Romayne refused to follow it.

"Talk on any other topic that you like, Mrs. Eyrecourt. I request you—don't oblige me to use a harder word—I request you to spare Father Benwell and myself any further expression of your opinion on controversial subjects."

A son-in-law may make a request, and a mother-in-law may decline to comply. Mrs. Eyrecourt declined to comply.

"No, Romayne, it won't do. I may lament your unhappy temper, for my daughter's sake—but I know what I am about, and you can't provoke me. Our reverend friend and I understand each other. He will make allowances for a sensitive woman, who has had sad experience of conversions in her own household. My eldest daughter, Father Benwell—a poor, foolish creature—was converted into a nunnery. The last time I saw her (she used to be sweetly pretty; my dear husband quite adored her)—the last time I saw her, she had a red nose, and, what is even more revolting at her age, a double chin. She received me with her lips pursed up, and her eyes on the ground, and she was impudent enough to say that she would pray for me. I am not a furious old man with a long white beard, and I don't curse my daughter and rush out into a thunder-storm afterward, but I know what King Lear felt, and I have struggled with hysterics just as he did. With your wonderful insight into human nature, I am sure you will sympathize and forgive me. Mr. Penrose, as my daughter tells me, behaved in the most gentlemanlike manner. I make the same appeal to your kind forbearance. The bare prospect of our dear friend here becoming a Catholic—"

Romayne's temper gave way once more.

"If anything can make me a Catholic," he said, "your interference will do it."

"Out of sheer perversity, dear Romayne?"

"Not at all, Mrs. Eyrecourt. If I became a Catholic, I might escape from the society of ladies in the refuge of a monastery."

Mrs. Eyrecourt hit him back again, with the readiest dexterity.

"Remain a Protestant, my dear, and go to your club. There is a refuge for you from the ladies—a monastery, with nice little dinners and all the newspapers and periodicals." Having launched this shaft, she got up, and recovered her easy courtesy of look and manner. "I am so much obliged to you, Father Benwell. I have not offended you, I hope and trust?"

"You have done me a service, dear Mrs. Eyrecourt. But for your salutary caution, I might have drifted into controversial subjects. I shall be on my guard now."

"How very good of you! We shall meet again, I hope, under more agreeable circumstances. After that polite allusion to a monastery, I understand that my visit to my son-in-law may as well come to an end. Please don't forget 5 o'clock tea at my house."

As she approached the door it was opened from the outer side. Her daughter met her half way.

"Why are you here, mamma?" Stella asked.

"Why, indeed, my love! You had better leave the room with me. Our amiable Romayne's present idea is to relieve himself of our society by retiring to a monastery. Don't you see Father Benwell?"

Stella coldly returned the priest's bow and looked at Romayne. She felt a vague forewarning of what had happened. Mrs. Eyrecourt proceeded to enlighten her as an appropriate expression of gratitude. "We are indeed indebted to Father Benwell, my dear. He has been most considerate and kind—"

Romayne interrupted her without ceremony. "Favor me," he said, addressing his wife, "by inducing Mrs. Eyrecourt to continue her narrative in another room."

Stella was scarcely conscious of what her mother or her husband had said. She felt that the priest's eyes were on her. Under the spell of those watchful eyes she trembled inwardly; her customary tact deserted her; she made an indirect apology to the man whom she hated and feared.

"Whatever my mother may have said to you, Father Benwell, has been without my knowledge."

Romayne attempted to speak, but Father Benwell was too quick for him.

"Dear Mrs. Romayne, nothing has been said which needs any disclaimer on your part."

"I should think not!" Mrs. Eyrecourt added. "Really, Stella, I don't understand you. Why may I not say to Father Benwell what you said to Mr. Penrose? You trusted Mr. Penrose as your friend. I can tell you this—I am quite sure you may trust Father Benwell."

Once more Romayne attempted to speak. And once more Father Benwell was beforehand with him.

"May I hope," said the priest, with a finely ironical smile, "that Mrs. Romayne agrees with her excellent mother?"

With all her fear of him, the exasperating influence of his tone and his look was more than Stella could endure. Before she could restrain them, the rash words flew out of her lips.

"I am not sufficiently well acquainted with you, Father Benwell, to express an opinion."

With that answer she took her mother's arm and left the room.

The moment they were alone, Romayne turned to the priest, trembling with anger. Father Benwell, smiling indulgently at the lady's little outbreak took him by the hand, with peace-making intentions. "Now don't—pray don't excite yourself!"

Romayne was not to be pacified in that way. His anger was trebly intensified by the long continued strain on his nerves of the effort to control himself.

"I must and will speak out at last!" he said. "Father Benwell, I hope you understand that nothing could have kept me silent so long but the duty of courtesy toward women, on which the ladies of my household have so inexcusably presumed. No words can say how much ashamed I am of what has happened. I can only appeal to your admirable moderation and patience to accept my apologies, and the most sincere expression of my regret."

"No more, Mr. Romayne! As a favor to me, I beg and entreat you will say no more. Sit down and compose yourself."

But Romayne was impenetrable to the influence of friendly and forgiving demonstrations.

"I can never expect you to enter my house again!" he exclaimed.

"My dear sir, I will come and see you again with the greatest of pleasure on any day that you may appoint—the earlier day the better. Come, come! let us laugh. I don't say it disrespectfully, but poor dear Mrs. Eyrecourt has been more amusing than ever. I expect to see our excellent archbishop tomorrow, and I must really tell him how the good lady felt insulted when her Catholic daughter offered to pray for her. There is scarcely anything more humorous; even in Moliere. And the double chin and the red nose—all the fault of those dreadful Papists. Oh, dear me, you still take it seriously. How I wish you had my sense of humor! When shall I come again and tell you how the archbishop likes the story of the nun's mother?

He held out his hand with irresistible cordiality. Romayne took it gratefully, still bent, however, on making atonement.

"Let me first do myself the honor of calling on you," he said. "I am in no state to open my mind, as I might have wished to open it to you, after what has happened. In a day or two more—"

"Say the day after to morrow," Father Benwell hospitably suggested. "Do me a great favor. Come and eat your bit of mutton and some remarkably good claret, a present from one of the faithful. You will? That's hearty! And do promise me to think no more of our little domestic comedy. Believe your mind. Look at 'Wiseman's Recollections of the Popes.' Good-bye—God bless you!"

The servant who opened the house-door for Father Benwell was agreeably surprised by the priest's cheerfulness.

"He isn't half a bad fellow," the man announced among his colleagues. "Gave me half a crown, and went out humming a tune."

CHAPTER VIII.—FATHER BENWELL'S CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary, S. J., Rome.

I.

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, mentioning that our reverend fathers are discouraged at not having heard from me for more than six weeks.

"I am sorry for this—and I am more than sorry to hear that my venerated brethren regret having sanctioned the idea of obtaining the restoration of the Vange property to the church. Let me humbly submit that the circumstances justified the idea. An unentailed property in the possession of a man of imaginative temperament, without any near relations to control him, is surely a property which might change hands, under the favoring circumstances of that man's conversion to the Catholic faith? It may be objected that the man is not yet converted. Also, that he is now married, and may have an heir to his estate. Grant me a delay of another week—and I will undertake to meet the first of these objections. In the meantime, I bow to superior wisdom; and I do not venture to add another word in my own defense.

II.

"The week's grace granted to me has elapsed. I write with humility. At the same time, I have something to say for myself.

"Yesterday, Mr. Lewis Romayne, of Vange Abbey, was received into the community of the Holy Catholic Church. I inclose an accurate newspaper report of the ceremonies which attended the conversion.

"Be pleased to inform me by telegraph, whether our reverend Fathers wish me to go or not.

THE END OF THE FOURTH BOOK.

(To be Continued.)

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Vice of any sort only asks of the churches to be let alone; grant to it toleration and it will take care of itself. Virtue must be aggressive or nothing.

John B. Frothingham, arrested in Brooklyn, N. Y., for intoxication, died in a police station. He was once an engineer on one of the Pacific railroads, and during the war had command of a volunteer regiment. He was 52 years old, and leaves a widow in Bangor, Me.

Charleston, S. C., is grasping the temperance question by the handle. A great mass-meeting has been held, attended by "almost the entire clergy of the city, the leading members of the bar, the most wealthy and intelligent citizens and a large number of ladies," to demand the removal of screens from the saloons and the enforcement of the Sunday law.

We can not separate our drinking-customs, innocent as we may deem them, and as they may be in themselves, from their influence upon those about us. And if this be so, it is impossible to separate the question of total abstinence from the question of personal unselfishness. The question is not, what is permissible, what is justifiable, but what is Christ-like?

At a late meeting of Sunday-school superintendents in Boston, one of the speakers remarked that in his school a teacher who is not a total abstainer does more harm by his example than a liquor shop that is near the school. None of the boys can defend the latter, but they love to cite this man as a specimen of one to whom they think no harm has come by moderate drinking.

A Detroit doctor has published a treatise on delirium tremens, in which he alleges that death by that disease "is not painful, but very pleasant." There is no doubt about that. When a man requires three or four men to hold him down in his anxiety to escape the serpents crawling through his bed, to die "is not painful but very pleasant." Most men would prefer, however, to die with their boots on.

"I can understand it," says a reformed drunkard in a letter recently received by a temperance worker in Cincinnati. "A friend said to me recently, it is wonderful how I, apparently without aid, sympathy, or encouragement, had quit the use of intoxicating drinks without resorting to some other stimulant. He could not understand it. Thank God, I can; it is not my work, it is the Lord's." He had been found in rags, intoxicated and half-starved, cast off in despair by his wealthy and influential friends; he had been induced to sign the pledge, and been brought under good influences and now he is a respectable member of society.

Does a Christian claim the right to use wine and other light liquors because they are apparently harmless to himself, and it is therefore his personal liberty to indulge in them? An infidel may make such a claim, but not a Christian. Denial of self, its desires, appetites, propensities, is a fundamental tenet of his creed. I am filled with astonishment and sadness when I hear a professed follower of Christ say, "I take an occasional glass because I choose, and have a personal right to do so." Let me say to such a one, in the kindliest spirit, "My brother, that is a most unchristian reason; and if your entire life is governed by such a principle, wherein does it differ from that of any other sinner?"—*Rev. Chas. H. Payne.*

Dr. Guthrie said: "He knows little of the power of evil who does not see the blessed effect upon the manners and morals of the people that would follow an entire abolition of these tipplingshops. When it was our happiness to labor in the quiet rural parish of Arbilot we found it and left it remarkable for its sobriety. In a population of a thousand souls, among the working classes we cannot recollect more than one or two who could be called drunkards, and this happy state of affairs we attribute to the circumstance that there was but one public-house in the parish, and that at the extreme end of it, so that the temptation was but little felt. To them the prayer was answered: 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

Washington society is discussing the etiquette of "first calls"—whether Hon. John Smythe shall make the first call on Secretary Browne, or vice versa. It is a very trifling matter, anyhow. When we visit Washington, and find it inconvenient to call on President Garfield or Secretary Blaine, we shall not feel put out if they waive etiquette and call on us.

SMALL JOKER.

A MAN TO BE SUPPRESSED.

We all know him; most of us intimately. How familiar are his vacuous levity, his would-be knowing leer and his asinine assumption of archness. His affectation of portentious gravity just before and during his delivery of some meaningless jingle of words; and his instantaneous, though unvocalized demand for applause, or at least appreciation—how well do we all know them; and with what difficulty do we twist our visages into the expected grin of intelligence. With what contortions of the vocal organs, do we mechanically force out a guttural cachinnation, half conscious of its unnatural sound, when we feel that nothing less than an audible expression of mirth will satisfy our facetious friend. How eagerly does he seize the extorted homage, oblivious of the fact that only the most shamefaced hypocrisy could have produced it; and that it is no more like genuine laughter than the sounds of fiendish glee which are wont to issue from the respectable Mr. Punch after one of his exemplary performances in the conjugal and social line.

How he hangs upon your lips for some familiar word or expression to distort into one of his standard puns; and then, when you have been unfortunate enough to utter it, how he flashes back upon you his dazzling beam of wit with all the spontaneity of true genius! Then it is your manifest duty as a friend to laugh; but what a faint, dreary, melancholy, funeral laugh it is. What an insipid, unsatisfactory cackling laugh. Why can't the fellow understand the real pathos of that laugh? Does the unfortunate wretch actually think the simple repetition of a word or phrase which happens to have two meanings supremely funny, when emphasized so as to call attention to that meaning which was farthest from your thought and makes your sentence ridiculous? Let us charitably suppose that this is the result of disease, a morbid appetite for worn-out buffoonery, a contraction or affection of the brain, which only allows it to comprehend verbal quibbles. The Pinafore fiend, with his stereotyped inquiry of "What, never?" has been ruthlessly sat down upon by public opinion and is now almost extinct; even the wretch who rings in all the variations of "Going to the ball this evening?" is becoming decidedly unpopular; yet these insults to common sense are of comparatively recent origin, and are mild and inoffensive beside the wrongs which the punster inflicts upon his victims.

While all such annoyances as the former are but temporary and ephemeral, the latter seems to be perennial and everlasting as his own jokes, and is endured in silence and resignation. The good-natured donkey—we never saw him in a bad humor because no man has yet been found hardy enough not to pretend to be highly delighted with his puerilities—is permitted to go on year after year repeating over and over again his formula of sounds deprived of all sense.

Let us steadily refuse to be accomplices of the punster man, by laughing at his poor watery old jokes, or even vouchsafing a smile. Let us nerve ourselves for the ordeal of transfixing him at the most critical stage of his triumph with, "Oh! that's stale!" "Give us a rest!" "We've heard that before," or other remarks calculated to dampen his enthusiasm. This may seem rash, and it is useless to try to predict the consequences; but stringent measures must be taken to check this evil, impossible as it may appear. Let us be the slaves of the punster man no more.

THE WEATHER MAN.

It is well for his peace of mind that the local signal corps observer is located about half a mile above the ordinary walks of life. Were he down on the first floor he would be shot at three or four times per week until he was gradually killed and buried. Yesterday furnished a fair example of the way most people would talk to him if they could get at him. He was busy with the temperature of the lower lake region when a citizen, puffing like a whale on a lee shore, gained the tower and began:—

"It's snowing."

"Yes," was the quiet reply.

"It's snowing like Texas!"

"Yes," again.

"Yesterday we had dust two inches deep, and now we have snow enough for sleighing!"

"I guess we have."

"And it's going to snow all day, I suppose?"

"I think so."

"And we'll have mud and slush and slosh for the next week?"

"Very likely."

"Very likely! Why sir, I— I— why——!"

He was so mad he could'nt finish, except by pounding on the table.

"I don't make the weather, you know," humbly observed the signal man.

"You don't, eh! Then who does?"

"Nature."

"Where is she, or he or whatever its blasted sex is? Just tell me who to hit and I'll knock him higher'n a kite?"

"Well, don't blame me."

"I will! Young man I feel like whacking you!"

"Oh, don't.

"Snow! What business has it to snow this time o' year? Why, sir, it's the biggest nonsense I ever heard of! But let 'er snow, and hail, and rain, and slush, and slop over! Hang me, but I can stand it if the rest can, and I'll be darned if I don't stand it! Yes, sir, I'll wade through your slush and grow fat on it! I'll sing—yes, I'll sing as I wade through your infernal snow, and the sorer my throat is the harder I'll sing! Go right ahead with your old weather, sir—keep right on—good day, sir."

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

ASHLAND.

Wilder & Co., are rebuilding the Drake mill.

Dr. Daus has been ill, but is better.

Mr. Brown is to remain with Hughes & Huckins but Mr. Cummings will go to farming.

There is call for a base ball club.

The Ashland mills have been shingled.

Brown & Cummings have sold out to Hughes & Huckins.

A young lady claims to have worked up a half cord of wood one morning and done a day's work in the mill besides.

S. M. Smith of Lake Village has been laying tin on Scribner's mill.

F. L. Hughes has been in Boston.

Some of our brethren attended the Odd Fellows' celebration in Concord the 25th.

Dr. Huckins is recovering.

F. L. Thompson is building a house above the Town Hall

The band give a promenade concert tonight at the Town Hall.

The G. A. R. will hold a fair the 20th of May. There will be music, tableaux, fancy goods, refreshments, etc.

The Easter fair of the Earnest Workers at the Town Hall the 20th, was quite successful. Aprons, dolls, Easter eggs, cards, ice cream, cake, fruit, etc., were for sale. There was music by the band, panlomimes, etc.

The school attendance is as follows: primary, 41; intermediate, 36; grammar, 36; high, 20.

HOLDERNESS.

T. B. Rogers has secured the services of George Carr for the season.

Freeman Wallace has secured Mrs. Emma Smith to teach the school in District No. 9 this summer.

John Lord, Winfield Lord, Frank Ethridge and Ashley York started the 4th of this month for Minnesota to raise wheat.

Smelts are in full blast and the hustlers thick. We soon expect to hear the fish horn. F.

The correspondent from Campton met the statement that the question is raised whether Mr. Smith's leg was broken or not, with the inquiry, "Don't the doctor know?" Yes the doctor knows, but the circumstances connected with the affair are of such a nature, that every honest, candid, thinking taxpayer of this and adjoining towns, has the inestimable right to express his opinion, which may be strangely at variance with that which the doctor may claim. We know the question has been raised, as stated; raised in behalf of justice and equity; raised on the side of reason, as in contrast with ignorance and craftiness; raised for equality to all. The article which appeared in the printed column, from a Campton correspondent a few weeks since, recommending its sister town to pay $500, and not to go into any dispute was very smooth and silly, but we advise said writer to couch such articles in a far different style of language, for the most casual reader would readily see that their author was shockingly prejudiced in favor of his client. The question is raised whether Mr. Smith's leg was broken or not as admitted by the Campton correspondent, and we trust that this case will be investigated by every honest, hardworking taxpayer in this town, and that none may come to a hasty conclusion until they have been informed of the facts bearing on the case. TAXPAYER.

Mrs. M. D. Shepard was at home with Dr. Dana over Sunday.

Last week Wednesday night the Earnest Workers gave an entertainment, Thursday night the Guy Family performed to a crowded house, and Sunday evening the Rev. A. A. Waite gave our people a chance to "see the Devil." Give us a rest!

Dr. Dana has a fine show of crocuses and a few tulips in blossom. R.

Willie Hughes has suffered another hemorrhage from the lungs.

By re-modeling, Hodgdon & Pollard have a space nearly 100 feet long which has been filled with a new stock of various goods.

WOODSTOCK.

The Woodstock Literary Society held its sixth meeting at the residence of T. J Gilman, April 19th. The following programme was rendered: The tobacco problem, F. N. Gilman; People will talk, Lulu Sawyer; My new silk sacque, Hattie Gilman; Can't afford it, Nellie M. Jones; A true ghost story, F. A. Fox; Rushing the boy, W. A. Sawyer; Elizabeth's roses, Mattie L. Cass; I cannot dig, Nellie P. Bryant; A valentine, Lucien Smith; Speech of John Adams, E. E. Woodbury. After the reading was over six new members were admitted making the whole number thirty. There were 26 persons present showing a gain at every meeting that has been held.

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Edgar Merrill took four valuable horses to Boston last Tuesday for Hon. Moody Merrill. One of them was James F. Merrill's driving horse for which he received $200.

Mrs. Joshua Clark left here last Tuesday to visit friends in Lowell and her son Marshall in Conn.

Wm. Page was at Kansas City last Monday and expects to be in San Francisco Friday. He went by the way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.

Miss May L. Nelson will teach at East Rumney the coming season.

School commences on Beech Hill next Monday. Miss Emma Stevens of Rumney, teacher. L.

Wm. H. H. Fellows is very sick of rheumatic difficulties, and his recovery is doubtful.

Funeral of Mr. Farrar occurred on Wednesday at his late residence.

Bertha, youngest daughter of Rev. Q. Blakely, is sick of scarletina.

C. W. Cook who has been an invalid for a long time is also quite sick, though at this writing he is considered improving somewhat.

There is still much sickness in town. C. O.

WARNING.—Look out for your teeth, as dentist C. P. Webster is to be at S. D. Kinsman's, in the village, Monday, May 2. To remain only a few days.

H. E. Worcester and family have recently returned from New York city where they have been residing during the cold weather and will spend the warm weather as heretofore in West Campton.

SANDWICH.

Sugaring is done and people are gathering in their buckets.

W. H. Felch lost a very nice sheep last week by drowning in the brook near the buildings.

Dana Watson who has been very sick with sore eyes is about once more.

The youngest son of Mr. Charles Hodge, sr., of Red Hill, was drowned a few days ago at what is known as Goss Pond. He was sliding from a bank near the shore and slid into a place where the ice had melted away. The body was recovered a few hours afterward.

Levi H. Smith's family are all sick with the measles.

Leslie Hagoon, our favorite globe man, made his first trip on wheels last Saturday.

Charles Ethridge is at Moultonboro at work carpentering.

Dana George, son of C. P. George, is going to Boston to try the physicians there, the doctors here giving him up.

It is rumored that Joseph Clark will move into the Ellis Watson place again.

F. G. Stevens wishes to buy a boat suitable for boating wood; one that will carry 10 to 20 cords.

Daniel Bean of Meredith Village is the lucky owner of the Wells Blanchard stock horse so well known to Carroll County. This horse ranks first of any stock horse that has stood in Carroll County for the last seven years, and we know that he cannot fail to raise his reputation while in Mr. Bean's hands. No one can fail to recommend this horse to the public as a farmer's stock horse who is acquainted with his stock for he was trained by Scott Rogers of Holderness a year ago last winter, under the Williams system.

CENTRE HARBOR.

Easter Sunday, Rev. Mr. Moody delivered a discourse on the Resurrection. The theme was taken up in the evening by the Sabbath School in the form of a concert. As teachers and scholars repeated passages relating to this great doctrine, one could not fail to be deeply impressed.

John Batcheider, aged 90 years, died the 22nd inst. Many came the Sunday following to bid adieu to a neighbor and friend, one of whom was only three months younger. They had been intimate all their lives. Mrs. B., a few years younger, still survives. They belong to the Society of Friends.

Enoch Lewis, aged 75 years, died the same day. He has been occasionly insane. Two weeks previous he refused to take food; said it was poison, even the air was poison.

Mrs. Marcus, from New York City, has taken possession of her new home, which she calls Eldorado, in honor of her old residence in Scotland. Mr. M. is in Europe.

John T. Smith of Moultonboro' Neck lost his house by fire the the 25th inst. Cause, a defective chimney.

The ice is out of the lake nearly seven miles, SCRIPSI.

RUMNEY.

There will be services at the Methodist church on next Sabbath. The new minister Rev. J. H. Trow is expected.

The dramatic club of district No. 7, Miss M. H. Dix, manager, will give an evening entertainment at the brick school house on Wednesday, May 4. "Smashington Goit" and the "Dutchman's Ghost" are the most prominent on the programme, but tableaux, music, &c., will be interspersed. We shall willingly pay the admission fee of 10 cents to see the new curtain painted by our local artists, which will be used for the first time on that evening. D.

WEST RUMNEY.

Rev. H. S. Fiske is taking leave of West Rumney. We believe he is going to preach at Henniker this summer.

Munroe Merrill is taking down a part of the buildings that he bought of C. M. Swain and is going to put up new. W.

The Universalist W. A. Society will hold their annual May festival Friday evening May 6. They have some nice aprons which will be sold with ties as supper tickets. A worsted carriage afghan will be sold during the evening. The entertainments given by this society have been crowned with success. Its object is a worthy one and the united efforts of its members have steadily increased the funds, until they have nearly $150. in the treasury and in articles to be sold.

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Geo. Brown and Geo. Hill have had the German measles.

Chas. F. Wheet has remodeled and refilled his mill the past winter, and is now sawing out the lumber at a good rate.

A. W. Wheeler has the bilious fever. D.

BORN.

In Manchester, April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kimball, a son.

In Bridgewater, April 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Morrison, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In West Rumney, April 27, by Rev. H. S. Fiske, Frank E. Glover to Augusta B. Taylor, both of Rumney.

At the residence of Josiah D. Clough, in Orford, April 11, by the Rev. T. C. Pratt, Mr. Charles Robinson of Piermont, to Miss Ellen F. Clough of Orford.

DIED.

In Campton, very suddenly, April 24, William Farrar, aged 81 years, 1 month. A good man has departed.

In Orford, April 17, Fredrick S. Clough, aged 67 years, 10 months, 6 days.

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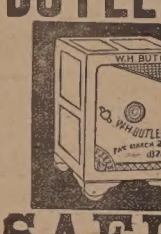

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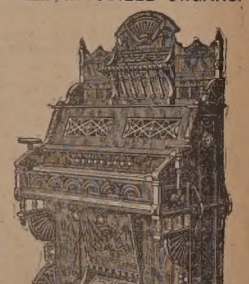

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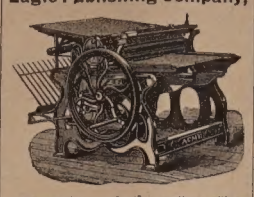

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MEREDITH MATTERS.

Our schools open Monday.

The ice in the lake has gone.

Mrs. J. S. Neal has a tenement to let.

T. S. Moses is improving his premises.

C. H. Osgood and wife have been here.

T. I. Moses has a fine lot of pigs for sale.

The Main street drain has been repaired.

J. R. Quimby is agent for a new oil stove.

Mrs. Robie has bought the Nat Clark place.

C. M. Moody has come back from New York.

Lucien Kelley has all his crops in the ground.

Dr. Mason and wife have recently been here.

A. V. Pendexter has bought W. P. Norris' saloon.

G. W. Smith has been fixing up about his premises.

The boats are being prepared for their coming trips.

Nat Boynton is recovering from his badly cut foot.

J. W. Beede & Co. are making a specialty of flour.

D. H. Clark is agent for LaDow's pulverizing harrow.

If you want a good suit of clothes go to J. S. Wadleigh's.

J. H. Knowles & Co.'s order wagon is much admired.

J. S. Clark has been making repairs about his residence.

Dr. Mason and wife have been stopping in Tilton recently.

J. I. Prescott is agent for the Buckeye mowing machine.

The bridge near the Corporation building has been repaired.

W. J. Tuttle has taken Newell Prescott's place at the depot.

Jerry Cotton is going to build him a house on Waukewan street.

Edwin Cox has recovered from another attack of rheumatism.

L. B. Bailey has been canvassing here for Appleton's cyclopedia.

T. B. Nichols has sold out to Mitchell & Collins, of Laconia.

C. E. Pierce is making various changes in Hodgson's card room.

Rev. Mr. Palmeter thanks his friends for their recent donations.

Warren Clough recently cut his hand badly while splitting wood.

Our band will play at the Lake Village fair next Thursday night.

E. C. Mansfield makes a good display with his stock of new goods.

Mrs. Swain, who lost her house by fire, is soliciting subscriptions in consequence.

D. A. Ambrose has lately put in 60 dozen chairs and other goods in the same ratio.

Various repairs have been made in Wadleigh's mill during the time it has been stopped.

Miss M. E. Dearborn will soon have her spring stock of Boston and New York millinery.

Mrs. F. H. Cram and daughter have gone to Boston and other places in that vicinity.

The Freewill Baptist society give a literary entertainment at their vestry next Wednesday evening.

Blake brothers' new building, near G. H. Clark & Co.'s will be used for a coffin and casket shop.

J. L. Chase, of Easter & Chase, has retired on account of his health and gone to farming in Moultonboro.

The spring term of the High school made a pleasant and successful termination on Friday of last week.

There is now no traveling agent for this paper, and all are warned against paying money to any one claiming to be such.

Norman Corliss has apples that have survived one and two winters respectively, and they are still in good condition.

There is a call for a village improvement society which will give us a library, reading room, better sidewalks, sewers, etc.

Rev. Arthur A. Waite and his seven years old son, Herrman, exposed numerous spiritualistic humbugs at the Town Hall, Saturday evening.

G. S. Smith is doing a good business in Boston manufacturing pieced boot heels. W. E. Bixby is his book-keeper, and both are well known here.

Main street is in good condition.

Sucker fishing is brisk on Mill brook.

Rev. Mr. Lang, of Whitefield, has been here.

A. W. McDonald has left the *Review* office.

Miss Hattie Hoyt is to teach at Woodsville.

Wadleigh runs nights on account of so much work.

Mrs. Charlotte Cate has returned from New Hampton.

Frank Avery is once more able to work for Knowles & Co.

J. W. Beede is going to build a store at Weirs, on his lot.

G. H. Clark & Co., have old growth pine worth $55.00 per thousand.

Rev. Albert Bryant proposes to spend the summer in his private cottage.

Col. Stevens is going to erect a dwelling house near Wadleigh's mill.

Bartlett & Smith have dissolved and I. B. Bartlett continues the business.

E. M. Clough, of Lake Village, was injured in his arm by a pulley lately.

C. S. Prescott has commenced erecting a tenement house near the wharf.

The corporation is engaged in making various minor improvements.

The penstock below the bridge, on Main street, has been undergoing repairs.

Benjamin Bickford, J. and D. Piper have returned from Massachusetts.

Charlie Clough broke one of Mansfield's store windows, Wednesday, with his base ball.

N. G. Plummer recently sawed the most lumber ever known in his mill in any one day.

O. F. Swain and W. L. Crockett got nearly four cords of wood out of a 200 years old maple tree.

Mr. Worrall's lumber for his new house comes from Whitefield, and is drawn up by G. M. Burleigh's teams.

W. L. Carpenter has a Plymouth Rock hen's egg 7 1-2x6 1-4 inches. He also has a young Shepherd dog that hunts everything and does many little errands.

Mrs. H. N. Dinsmore, proprietor of the celebrated cough balsam, died April 15, near Lynn, Mass., of heart disease, aged a little over 50 years. She is very highly spoken of.

F. E. Clough was thrown out on Ladd hill recently, and somewhat bruised. His horse stepped in a hole and turned a somersault, cutting a bad gash above his eye on a rock.

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DYSPEPSIA

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

The Un'on mutual life insurance company, which was recently compelled to move from Boston to Portland, has re-organized its board of directors by the election of five living in Maine and three in Boston. All the latter were members of the old board. The newly elected directors have voted to establish the principal office in Portland.

Mrs. Alfred Staples of Belfast, 70 and slightly insane, committed suicide the other day by cutting her throat and hanging herself.

Presque Isle has voted $10,000 to the Aroostook river railway company if it will extend its road to that place.

A thriving trade is done in the sale of pictures of Merrill, the China matricide, who kindly attaches his autograph to each.

The supreme court has just decided that a hotel-keeper is not responsible for any property stolen from a guest in a bathing-house belonging to the hotel.

The town of Kittery has a public library fund of $31,625, whose income for the year was $2204, while the expenditures were but $769. Ex-Gov. Ichabod Goodwin has been re-elected president.

The capital stock, $40,000, for a new woolen mill at Sangerville has been subscribed, and work will begin immediately.

It is estimated that Auburn shoe manufacturers will save $30,000 a year by the expiration of the McKay patent for sewing shoes next August.

New Hampshire.

The late William E. Berry of Pittsfield left $500 each to the Congregational society of Pittsfield, the New Hampshire orphans' home and the Pittsfield academy.

Thomas J. Woods and Michael J. Starin, convicted of robbery, were each sentenced at Concord the other day to 10 years in state-prison. A sensation was made in court by the mother of Starin stepping into the bar and charging the county solicitor with taking money from her upon the promise to clear her son.

Leroy Salisbury, who was made an imbecile because of heavy losses by the Waite collapse, has just died at Chesterfield.

The Lake company has contracted to do the dredging at the Weirs, for which $75,000 was appropriated, and work will be begun by the middle of May.

Four men, while repairing a bridge on the Boston, Montreal and Concord railroad at East Concord on a recent Sunday, were knocked off by a large timber swinging around and fell 15 feet. They were considerably hurt.

Nahum Robinson has resigned as deputy warden of the state-prison and is succeeded by Thomas A. Wallace.

Gen. A. F. Stevens will deliver the Memorial Day address at Plymouth.

A discrepancy of some $30,000 has been found in the accounts of the Cheshire provident institution of Keene, but it is not attributed to any dishonesty, but to inaccuracies unavoidable with the small clerical force employed. The bank has deposits of $2,000,000, with a handsome surplus, and is perfectly safe, it is claimed.

Vermont.

There is some complaint among farmers that an unusual number of their dairy cows have "gone farrow" this season, which is attributed to drouth so prevalent last summer.

Chief Justice Pierpont has decided that drunkenness has never been held in Vermont a sufficient cause for divorce and has refused to grant one on that ground.

Prof. Abel E. Leavenworth, late principal of the state normal school at Randolph, will assume control of the normal school at Castleton.

The returns of the savings banks for the first quarter of the year show an increase in deposits of $669,745.

Northfield will start up its slate mill to get out material for the new state-prison building at Windsor.

Joseph Rushbee of Sheldon has been killed by the kick of a horse.

The present sugar season has never been surpassed either in quality or quantity of the product. Farmers report four pounds per tree in large orchards.

A Morrisville man who died of consumption the other day was the last of 12 children who had all died of the same disease.

The Episcopal diocesan convention will be held in Burlington June 8, and the following week will be occupied by the meetings of the various state Masonic organizations.

Diphtheria is raging at Montpelier again, and there have been three deaths within a week. Adversest entertainments are given up, and there is talk of closing the schools.

Massachusetts.

The late Stephen N. Stockwell of the Boston Journal made a bequest of $5000 to the Massachusetts homeopathic hospital, to establish a perpetual free bed for the use of such sick and destitute printers as shall be designated by the Franklin typographical society of Boston.

"Nonquitt," a watering place on Buzzard's bay, which cost $60,000, has been sold for $10,000.

Capt. James H. Little of the Boston ship McLauren has been presented through Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister, with a fine binocular glass for his services in rescuing eight seamen of the British ship Harvest Queen, who had abandoned their vessel.

A New Bedford undertaker went to the trouble of disinterring the body of a pauper child the other day to prove that it had a robe on,as some one had told the overseers of the poor that he had buried it in ordinary clothes, and had charged for a robe.

Three firms are now engaged in canning Boston baked beans, and their annual production is not less than 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 cans.

The central trades and labor union of Boston have fixed upon May 12 for a grand mass-meeting of the united trades of Boston at Faneuil hall, when the policy of the labor organizations of the city will probably be foreshadowed.

The Eastern railroad company has given a favorable answer to the proposition of the Salem city council that their slops should be located there, certain concessions being granted them.

Peabody has appropriated $85 000 for a pumping station to provide the town with a high service water system.

The owners of the dory Little Western which sailed from Gloucester to England in 1880, will attempt the feat of returning in their dory, leaving England May 1. It is the smallest boat that ever made the trial.

Michael H. Simpson of Boston has paid over to the government the $50,000 promised by him as a condition of the appropriation for the building of the Merrimac river jetties.

Rhode Island.

The Senate has indefinitely postponed the bill for the appointment of a new board of state valuation.

The late Nathan F. Dixon of Westerly served 24 years in the Legislature.

A fire in the upper floors of the Lefavour mill at Pawtucket, recently, damaged the building about $1000 worth, and firms occupying it $2,500 worth.

The investigation of the death of Collins Chase of Providence, suspected of being poisoned, discloses nothing to warrant that opinion, but the recommendation is made that the use of arsenic for preserving dead bodies be prohibited by the Legislature.

Remarkable tributes are paid to the late Nathan F. Dixon of Westerly by the press and prominent men. Senator Anthony, long associated with him in politics, is credited with saying: "I think Nathan Dixon is the best man I ever knew." An old friend writes to the Providence Journal: "In my deliberate judgment he is mourned sincerely by more true men and women in Rhode Island than any other man ever was in my time."

Fifty-seven operatives have obtained judgment against the American mills company of East Greenwich for wages. Recent attachments raise the amount levied against the company to about $100,000.

Roger Sherman of Pawtucket, William S. Haines of Providence and George A. Wilbur of Woonsocket are the Rhode Island commissioners to join with three from Massachusetts in settling the boundary dispute between the states. The eastern line is settled, but the northern has been in dispute for over 200 years, and an effort will now be made to finally fix it.

Trinity Episcopal church of Pawtucket claims the honor of being the first in the world to elect women as vestrymen.

Connecticut.

Mrs. McErnery of Birmingham, while looking over some papers belonging to her dead husband recently, found $63,000 in bonds, of which no record had been kept.

A woman in Danbury has died of the small-pox, and her son is sick with the same disease. The selectmen have acted promptly, and no further trouble is expected.

The mortar and pestle used by Benedict Arnold when he was a druggist and bookseller in New Haven, have recently been presented to the historical society of that city.

The business men of Westport are making a strong effort to build up the manufacturing interests of the town, and are erecting a large factory for rental.

A company for the manufacture of cold air machines, by which ice is rendered unnecessary for purposes of freezing meats, etc., has been formed in New Haven.

Plans for the establishment of a permanent professorship of ecclesiastical music in the Hartford theological seminary have been matured and provision made for its support.

No farther cases of small-pox are reported in New Haven, but the scare has made the vaccination business lively for the physicians.

Brooklyn, now the shire town of Windham county, has voted to oppose all plans or estimates for a new court-house at Putnam or Willimantic, soon to be the shire towns, which shall necessitate a county tax.

The Connecticut prison association has addressed a circular to all the sheriffs of Connecticut asking their co-operation in an effort to relieve the community of a burden of insane paupers, who have no legal residence in the state.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The state department has received from the French government two gold medals which are to be presented to United States Consul Dabney, for rendering assistance to shipwrecked French sailors.

President Garfield called attention at a cabinet meeting to the destitute condition of the hundreds of homeless sufferers by the recent floods in Dakota, and expressed his desire that desire to have every needed relief extended with the least possible delay. It was decided to authorize the issue of army rations for two weeks and clothing and supplies.

The treasury department has received a large number of requests for blanks which are required to be presented by holders of 6 per cent. bonds desiring to extend them at 3 1-2 per cent., according to the recent decision of the secretary. A number of bonds have also been received.

Judge Lawrence, first comptroller of the treasury, recently declared that "the treasury department cannot be hereafter committed to the policy of transmitting drafts to parties purchasing claims in any manner."

Warner M. Bateman has declined the position of solicitor of the treasury. The President, it is said, was quite anxious that he should take the place.

The appeal taken by Prof. Thomas A. Edison in the interference case of Maxim against Edison has been decided against Edison's claim by the "board of examiners in chief" of the patent office.

The secret service bureau of the treasury department have received information that a new counterfeit $10 gold piece has appeared in San Francisco. It is said to be principally of base metal, but is very heavily plated with gold, and resists the acid tests. It is not full weight, and has not the ring of the genuine coin.

The surplus revenue of the United States government for the current fiscal year is expected to be $100,000,000.

The department of state is advised by the United States commissioner at Frankfort-on-the-Main that an international leather exhibition will be held there, commencing June 15th next, and continuing until Sept. 15th.

Controller Knox is trying to make a sale of the postmaster's Bank property to the government under the appropriation for a new pension office. The attorney-general has decided that the appropriation cannot be used except for the purchase of a site.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

The famous German anti-Jewish petition was sent to Bismarck recently. It consists of 26 volumes comprising 14,000 sheets with 255,000 signatures, including those of noblemen, retired generals and officials.

Some 277,000 acres of thickly settled bottom land on the Dakota side of the Missouri river have been flooded by ice gorges, and thousands of destitute people are being supplied with government food.

Small-pox is reported at Aspinwall and yellow fever at Panama.

Two young Mexicans named Jourique and Sanchez were shot and killed by Americans in a difficulty about land some eight miles up the river from El Paso, Texas.

Five weeks ago two tramps stopped with a family named Davis on the St. Francis river, 75 miles south of Memphis, and a week ago, while the elder and younger Davis were absent, the tramps eloped with their wives, going down the river in a flat boat.

Ann Cowan (colored) of Martin's Depot, Laurens county, S. C., was arrested recently for burning the barn of Blalock, a planter, and confessed that she was led to the crime by a wrong which she imagined Blalock had done her. An officer attempted to place her in jail, but a mob took her away and hung her to a tree.

A large petard was exploded at the door of the church of Santa Maria, Madrid, recently, while the edifice was full of worshipers. The door was damaged, but nobody was hurt.

Gyumbere, the Hungarian, who has been in a sleeping trance for 65 days at the Lehigh, Pa., almshouse, rallied recently, opened his eyes, and when an attendant sportively held his fist to his nose the sleeper smiled. Subsequently he was given a long walk about the yard, and then he took a bath. It is believed that he will be able to give an extended account of his experience while in the trance state.

A Cape Town dispatch says that the Basutoe have been defeated at Leribe with heavy loss. The colonial loss is slight.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., aldermanic committee, appointed some time since to examine the books of the board of audit, submitted a report recently stating that they found a discrepancy of about $7,000,000 between books of the controller and those of the register of arrears.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne, D. D. (colored), preached recently by invitation in the Main Street M. E. church (white) in Danville, Va., which is the largest and wealthiest church of that denomination in the state. He was assisted in the services by Prof. Johns, from the West Indies, and Elder Lord, both colored.

Lord Beaconsfield's refusal to take nourishment, combined with a renewal of the spasmodic attacks caused by the sudden return of the cold east winds, from which he suffered so much during the earlier stages of his illness, together produced a state of complete exhaustion. When the final moment arrived he died as a weary man in health falls quietly and softly asleep. Ralph Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield's brother, was summoned immediately as the more alarming symptoms set in, but arrived too late to witness the end. Lord Rowton, Lord Barrington, Philip Rose, Lord Beaconsfield's old and attached valet, and several other servants of the household were around the bedside when the distinguished statesman breathed his last.

The czar of Russia has countermanded the orders for the erection of additional fortresses on the German frontier.

There have been very heavy floods in the Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas, and the West will make but a half crop of winter wheat.

A peculiar and heretofore unknown disease has broken out among the street-car horses of Chicago. It begins with a swelling just below the fetlocks, which after a little festers and becomes a discharging sore. It yields slowly to skillful treatment, but unless taken early the poisonous matter spreads itself upward and infects the blood, causing death.

The Hon. Daniel F. Beatty has been re-elected mayor of Washington, N. J. This will be his third term.

USE OF LEMONS.

For all people, in sickness or in health, lemonade is a safe drink. It corrects biliousness. It is a specific against worms and skin complaints. The pippins crushed may also be mixed with water and sugar and used as a drink. Lemon-juice is the best anti-scorbutic remedy known. It not only cures the disease but prevents it. Sailors make a daily use of it for this purpose. A physicians suggest rubbing of the gums daily with lemon-juice to keep them in health. The hands and nails are also kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemon instead of soap. It also prevents chilblains. Lemon used in intermittent fevers is mixed with strong, hot black tea or coffee, without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with a lemon. It is valuable also to cure warts and to destroy dandruff on the head, by rubbing the roots of the hair with it. In fact, its uses are manifold, and the more we employ it externally the better we shall find ourselves.

FOUND AT LAST.

A lady in the north of England received a letter from her husband who represented a large business firm, saying that he would leave for home on Sunday, the 28th of December by way of Dundee and the Tay bridge. That night the bridge fell, and the wife knew she was a widow, the firm losing, on account of the impossibility of finding the body, a large amount of money he had been collecting for them. Some time after a former acquaintance saw this gentleman in a London street car. He denied his identity, but a subsequent investigation showed that he had not gone on the train as he expected, but took advantage of the accident to go to London, squander the money and marry another woman. He has already nearly served his term for embezzlement and on his release expects to be sent back again for bigamy.

ELECTRIC SURGERY.

Trouve's utilization of electricity in combination with surgical instruments is bearing fruit. A case is reported from Vienna in which a doctor has succeeded in curing a cancer in the stomach mainly through the assistance rendered by the polyscope in illuminating the cavity of the stomach. The electric probe, which rings a bell when a ball or any metallic substance imbedded in the muscles is reached, is found a valuable acquisition by army surgeons; and an application of the same principle to surgical forceps has enabled a Berlin oculist to save a mechanic's eye which had received a bit of steel. The case had become so urgent that the eye must be lost unless the piece of metal could be extracted without delay; but Dr. Hirchberg, by inserting a soft iron probe and subsequently converting it into a magnet by passing an electric current through it, withdrew the metallic particle, and saved the eye.

TATTOOING.

DISFIGUREMENT OF JAPANESE WOMEN.

The Aino women seldom exceed five feet and a half inches in hight, but they are beautifully formed, straight and lithe, small feet and hands, well-arched insteps, rounded limbs, well-developed busts, and a firm, elastic gait. Their heads and faces are small; the abundant hair falls in masses each side of the face like that of the men's. They have superb teeth; mouths somewhat wide, but well formed, with a ruddy comeliness about them, which is pleasing in spite of the band tattooed above and below, and united at the corners—enlarging its apparent size and width. A girl at Shiroai, who for some reason has not been thus marked, is the most beautiful creature in features, coloring, and natural grace of form that I have seen in a long time. Their complexions are lighter than the men's, and not many here are even as dark as our European brunettes. A few unite the eyebrows by a tattooed band so as to produce a straight line.

They are universally tattooed, not only with this band about the mouth, but with another across the knuckles, succeeded by an elaborate pattern on the back of the hand, and a series of bracelets extending to the elbow. The process of disfigurement begins at the age of five, when some of the sufferers are yet unweaned. I saw it performed this morning on a dear little bright girl. A woman took a sharp knife and rapidly cut several horizontal lines on the upper lip, following closely the curve of the mouth; and before the slight bleeding had ceased she rubbed in some soot taken from the mat above the fire. In two or three days the lip will be washed with a decoction of bark to fix the pattern, and give the blue look which makes many people mistake it for a daub of paint. A child who yesterday underwent this process has a fearfully swollen and inflamed lip. The latest victim held her hands clasped tightly together while the cuts were inflicted, but never cried.

The pattern on the lips is deepened every year up to the time of marriage, and so are the circles on the arm. They begin to tattoo the arms when the girl is five or six, and work from the elbow downward. They expressed themselves as very much grieved by the recent prohibition of tattooing, for the gods will be angry, and the women cannot marry unless they are tattooed. They cannot give any reason for its universality; it is an old custom, a part of their religion, and no woman could marry without it. —*Miss Bird's Travels.*

WANTED HIS INSURANCE.

There was a slight blaze on the roof of a house on Main street a few days ago and when the insurance adjusters went up to make their survey they found that about two dollars would cover all the loss.

"Two tollar," exclaimed the owner when he heard the decision—"I can't take no two tollar."

"But you see for yourself that a dozen shingles and an hour's work will make good all damages."

"Gentlemens, you doan' put me off like dot. When my vhife finds dot we vhas on fire she creams bolesce and murder and falls down sthairs. Would you let your vhife fall down sthairs for dot sum. If so I goes home mit you und sees der fun."

"We do not instire husbands and wives, but buildings," was the reply.

"I know, but mein oldest poy he runs for der fire-box and fall a picket-fence oafer und breaks his good clothes all to pieces. Two tollar! Dot doan' pay me for goming up here."

"Yes, but we can only pay for actual damages."

"Dot's all I vhant. Who stole my dog vhen my house vhas on fire? Dot dog ish gone, und he vhas ten tollars wort."

"We didn't insure the dog."

"Und maybe you don't insure dem poys who sat on der fence and called ont: 'Dot old Dutchman's red nose has set his house on fire!' Do you expect I take such sass like dot for two tollar? Und vhen der firemens come here doy break mein clothes-lines down mit der ladders, and dey spill wasser all oafer my carpets. Two tollar! Vhell, vhell! you go right avhay from here, und I takes dot old insurance bolley und steps him into der mudt!"

THE CENSUS OF INDIA.

The singular fears of the natives respecting the late Indian census were highly remarkable. In Calcutta on the eventful night the streets were deserted from early in the evening, as it was firmly believed that anyone perambulating the queen's highway after dark would be decapitated. Moreover, a rumor had been spread that at 9 p. m. all gas-lamps were to be extinguished, and every inhabitant must then keep burning a lamp or candle. Consequently quantities of oil were bought up, and on the census night not a candle was to be purchased.

In one quarter of the city it was rumored that a male and female European would enter each house and decapitate the inhabitants; while a more amusing report was that the government wanted to provide wives for the soldiers returned from Afghanistan, and were going to count the available brides. The coolies in the Darjeeling district bolted en massee to the jungle, dreading some unknown horror; while the Nepanlese believed that a child would be taken from each house, and its head put under the foundations of a neighboring bridge, the trunk being placed on the tramway for the engine to run over.

WHO ARE BEGGARS.

In many instances words are far less effective to accomplish the end than simple acts. The deaf and dumb man, real or pretended, who stands with a placard on the breast, and with extended hat or hand, is as completely a solicitor for charity as though he spoke to the passers by. And so is every one where disease or crippled condition appeals to the sympathy, he places himself in a position to attract attention, or passes along the street, calling attention by sign, act or look, to his unhappy condition, and receives from those who observe him the charity which he is obviously seeking. Indeed, the cases of silent beggars who exhibit deformities, wounds or injuries, which tell plainer than words their needy and helpless condition, are the most successful of solicitors for charity.—*Abbott's Reports.*

One of my children was recently attacked with a severe case of Croup, which really assumed a distressing phase; I was recommended to try Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, after other remedies had failed. The effect was most happy and speedy, causing an entire cure.

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A SERIOUS FLIRTATION.

At a church sociable some time ago a theological student was detailed to assist a young lady, whom he had long admired from afar, in making out a new Sunday-school library catalogue. The prospective minister found the task by no means an unpleasant one, as the charming young creature read him the title of each book from the title-page, while he delightedly copied it into the catalogue before him. In fact, there flitted through the mind of the sedate and rather bashful youth several times the question whether the aforesaid maiden, with her pretty figure and bright eyes, could not be induced to become the "sharer of his labors and toils."

"I believe I would ask her, to-night if I only dared," thought the young man. "But I don't dare, so there's the end of it." And with gloomier face than before he continued his work, calling out, "Next book?" almost as mechanically as fast as he had transcribed the former title. He was aroused from his reverie by the following rejoinder to one of his demands for "next book."

"Why don't you do it?"

He started as though the girl had been reading his thoughts.

"Do what?" he inquired, by way of drawing her out. But the young lady replied not a word. To gain time he again said:

"Next book?"

"No time like the present," said the maiden, with an encouraging smile.

"I see it is of no use to hide my thoughts from you, Miss M.," he said, struggling with embarrassment. "Your last two remarks have shown me how perfectly you realize my state of mind. I will, therefore, follow your advice and embrace the present opportunity of asking you whether you are willing to accept me as your partner for life. Your answer, I am confident from these remarks, will be affirmative."

It was the young lady's turn to be embarrassed.

"To what remarks do you refer?" she said.

"To the two sentences in which you so delicately blended words of advice and encouragement on this most important of subjects, when you said, 'Why don't you do it?' and 'No time like the present.'"

The girl looked puzzled for a moment, and then burst into a merry laugh. "Why, those were the titles of the books you called for. Well, you have got yourself into a pretty fix," and she laughed at the discomfited student maliciously.

"Miss M.," said the young man, springing up with sudden earnestness, "I beg you will consider the words which I cannot now recall. Be mine and I shall be supremely happy. Refuse me and you will make me miserable for life. Will you be mine?"

"Yes, yes; don't make such a noise about it or somebody will overhear you."

DISPATCHING NEWS.

A ship which sailed from England for Australia recently took a four-foot "life" boat, designed not to save the passengers but the records of the ship in case of accident at sea. This would seem to be a decided improvement on the conventional bottle, since it will carry more information and be more likely to be seen and picked up. The boat carries a sail, and is expected to make four or five miles an hour in favorable weather.

THE TIDY HOUSEWIFE.

The careful, tidy housewife, when she is giving her house its spring cleaning, should bear in mind that the dear inmates of her house are more precious than houses, and that their systems need cleansing by purifying the blood, regulating the stomach and bowels to prevent and cure the diseases arising from spring malaria and miasma, and she should know that there is nothing that will do it so perfectly and surely as Hop Bitters, the purest and best of all medicines. See other column.

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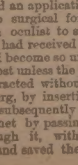
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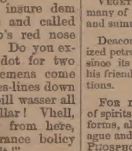
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